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THE DEMOCRATS GAIN GROUND

The Elections of Tuesday Show No Falling Off of Democratic Votes.

Ohio Endorses McKinley—Nebraska Endorses Bryan—Kentucky Republican—Maryland Democratic.—The Situation Really Unchanged.

In the elections of Tuesday there were no startling incidents and few surprises. The Republican States voted Republican, and the Democratic States Democratic. Maryland returns to the Democratic ranks, and the Republican majority will be reduced in Ohio and the Democratic majority increased in Nebraska.

In Virginia the Republicans have elected three delegates to the House and a few Independents were elected, otherwise the entire Democratic ticket was successful. We give below a few clippings of election news:

Cincinnati, November 8.—Unofficial returns have been received by the Western Union from all counties in Ohio, with a few scattering precincts estimated. The footings give Naeb, Republican, for governor, a plurality of 49,205. The reports in most cases give only the pluralities, and hence it has not been possible to give the total vote for the candidates.

Nothing has been received by the Western Union to change its estimate made early in the day of a plurality for Taylor, Republican, for governor of Kentucky. Advice from unreported precincts are coming in slowly, and it may be a day or two before all are received.

GOEBEL STILL CLAIMS HIS ELECTION.

Frankfort, Ky., November 8. Senator Goebel arrived here at 8 o'clock tonight and was met at the train by a crowd of 1,500 enthusiastic followers. From the balcony of the Capital Hotel, Mr. Goebel made a speech in which he said:

"I believe I have been elected; in fact, I know I have. I see my friend General Taylor says he will assume the office of governor. All I have to say is, if I have been elected, as I believe, I will be inaugurated in spite of the Louisville and Nashville railroad and Bradley's bayonets.

WILL BE A CONTEST.

Louisville, Ky., Nov. 8.—The Goebel people cling to their claim of a plurality of 5000 in the State these figures being the estimate made by the nominee himself tonight.

At Republican headquarters in this city, Taylor's plurality is placed at 8,000. In either case it is possible to get the figures upon which the claim is based.

NEW JERSEY.

New York, Nov. 8.—Taking the highest candidate for county office on each ticket in all of the counties, the Republican plurality in New Jersey is well above twenty thousand. Taking what local politicians consider a fair average in each county, the Republican plurality is about sixteen thousand.

DEMOCRATIC CLEAN SWEEP.

San Francisco, Nov. 8.—Correct official returns show that the Democrats made almost a clean sweep in the municipal elections held here yesterday. The Republicans succeeded in but seven cases on the entire ticket.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

Aberdeen, S. D. Nov. 8.—More complete returns from the State at large confirm last night's estimates of a Republican majority of from seven to ten thousand for Supreme Judge.

PENNSYLVANIA MAJ. SHRINKS.

Philadelphia, Nov. 8.—Complete returns from 60 of the 67 counties in the State, including Philadel-

phia, and with carefully revised estimates from the seven missing counties show a plurality of 109,465 for Barneet, Republican, for State treasurer, over Creasy, Democrat. The plurality for Brown, Republican, for Supreme Court judge, will exceed that of Barnette by probably 30,000.

NEW ORLEANS RESULT.

New Orleans, Nov. 8.—The regular Democrats won an easier victory than was expected.

MISSISSIPPI.

Jackson, Miss., Nov. 8.—The Democratic State ticket is elected. The ticket was voted solid and there will not be a variance of 100 votes between any of the candidates on the list. Late results do not change the estimated majority of 30,000.

Why Men Do Not Go to Church.

Men stay away from church because they do not want to go; that is the simple, naked truth of the matter. The question, Why do they not want to go? is another matter. Various answers may be given to it.

Many have doubtless become so secularized as to have lost out of all sense of their sinfulness and loss of salvation. These men are not under any such moral pressure as would lead them to attend church. They have nothing to go for. Indeed, they usually have some other place to which to go—to the clubs, the races, &c.—and the going to which shows that is not "overwork" that keeps them from church.

There are other non-churchgoers who have some appreciation of sin and salvation, who have been churchgoers, but who find nothing in the church services that meet the needs of their lost souls. They become weary of moral essays, reform harangues, political diatribes, socialistic platitudes, and sensationalism generally, and so let their wives and daughters do the churchgoing.

Another reason, doubtless is that the religious atmosphere and the newspapers are so permeated and saturated with the new infidelity that discredits the Bible and practically dispenses with sin and salvation and multitudes have been turned against the churches that still hold to these vital truths and regard the Bible as the word of God. Why should men go to church if the Bible is a mass of myths and legend, if there has been any fall "except a fall upward," and if sin is only an incident—praiseworthy rather than otherwise—in the evolutionary struggle for progress and perfection?

And this calls up still another reason, and that is that much of the preaching has lost its grip on the souls of men, because there is nothing in it concerning the vital Bible doctrines of sin and atonement that always stir men's souls. What does the preacher stand for if not for salvation? Whatever his culture, his brilliancy, his smartness, he will in due time preach out his congregation, if he fails to appeal to the deepest need of human souls.—Homiletic Review.

ADVANCE IN BROOM CORN.

Manufactures to Meet on Nov. 14 to Increase Price of Brooms.

Tribe's Hill, N. Y., Nov. 5.—The members in the Mohawk Valley of the Broom Manufacturers' Association of the United States have received notice that a meeting of the Association will be held in Chicago on Nov. 14 for the purpose of further increasing the price of brooms in view of the broom corn trust formed. It is said that the broom corn market is the most remarkable ever known in the history of the crop. The first new crop sold at \$60 to \$70 a ton and the price has steadily advanced to \$150 a ton, and with a prospect that it will still go higher. It is expected that many of the smaller broom factories throughout the country will be compelled to shut down at the beginning of the year on account of the high price of stock. Some of the manufacturers anticipate that the best grades of brooms will be advanced \$5 a dozen by Jan. 1.

A Free Trip to Paris!

Reliable persons of a mechanical or inventive mind desiring a trip to the Paris Exposition, with good salary and expenses paid, should write The PATENT RECORD, Baltimore, Md.

TRAGEDIES IN BURKE'S GARDEN.

One Man Shot, Another Hung Himself.

Tobe Heldreth Shot and Instantly Killed Worth Bane.

J. A. Rhudy Hangs Himself.

The usual quiet of Burke's Garden was rudely broken this week by two shocking casualties.

On last Sunday Tobe Heldreth, a young man of Burke's Garden, shot and instantly killed Worth Bane, one of his neighbors. Heldreth has been paying attention to Bane's sister for sometime, which was forbidden by the Bane's. Last Sunday Heldreth in company with Miss Bane, was on his way from church, when he met three of the Bane's brothers of the young lady, who ordered Heldreth to leave their sister. He appealed to the young lady, as to her wishes. She gave her consent for Heldreth to accompany her on. The Bane brothers advanced, and attacked Heldreth. He drew his pistol and shot Worth Bane dead in his tracks. Heldreth had a hearing on Monday before a magistrate, and was sent here, and is now in jail.

J. A. RHUDY HANGS HIMSELF.

On Monday night last, while Rhudy's wife and child were on a visit J. A. Rhudy killed himself by hanging. He went up stairs and secured a rope around a joist and around his neck, and jumped from the stairway. His dead body was found by his brother about ten o'clock Tuesday morning. Mr. Robert Meek rode in company with Mr. Rhudy, on Monday afternoon, who says that he was quite despondent, and complaining that things were going hard with him. His health has not been good of late. At the time of the suicide Mrs. Rhudy was visiting her people in Grayson county, and had been absent about three weeks.

A remarkable fact, is remembered in connection, that Mr. Rhudy's mother hung herself, and a brother cut his own throat some years ago. Thus three members of this family have died by their own hands.

THE ELECTION.

Quiet in Tazewell—About Ten Per Cent. of the Regular Vote Cast.

The election passed off unusually quiet in Tazewell owing to the fact that there was no contest, and only one candidate really, before the people. There were only 526 votes cast. Of these Mr. Joseph S. Moss received 436. W. A. Ward received 80 votes, H. M. Smythe 5, C. H. Peery 3, and Otis Caldwell of Poor Valley 1.

It will be seen that there was only about 10 per cent. of the vote cast as we have about 4500 voters in the county. At Tazewell precinct there were about 111 votes cast, 61 Democrats and 50 Republicans. The regular tickets were elected all over the State with only a few exceptions: Honaker was elected in Smythe and Bland counties over Kegly, Democrat. Lambert was elected in Wythe county. In Lee county a Republican was elected.

Brave Men Fall.

Victims to stomach, liver and kidney troubles as well as women, and all feel the results in loss of appetite, poisons in the blood, backache, nervousness, headache and tired, listless, run-down feeling. But there's no need to feel like that. Listen to J. W. Gardner, Idaville, Ind. He says: "Electric Bitters are just the thing for a man when he is all run down, and don't care whether he lives or dies. It did more to give me new strength and good appetite than anything I could take. I can now eat anything and have a new lease on life." Only 50 cents at Jno. E. Jackson's drug store. Every bottle guaranteed.

Real Estate Bargains.

We have several pieces of real estate recently purchased by the Holston National Building and Loan Association, which can be bought cheap and on easy terms. Call at this office, or on Judge J. H. Stuart.

What Shall We Do With the Philippines.

By JOHN SHERRMAN.]

I am opposed to the idea of this country holding the Philippines and subjugating the natives. I do not believe we have any business in the islands. The Filipinos are a people superior to any other Malay race. They have a literature and fine arts distinctive and almost national in character; they are eminently capable of governing themselves, and they are splendid fighters. They have been misrepresented to the American people. Many of us have been led to believe that Aguinaldo's followers were a horde of unorganized savages. That the contrary is true has now been established to the satisfaction of fair minded Americans.

While the country was fired with the expansion idea I was criticised for my stand against a policy of conquest in the Philippines.

We have no right to cede the islands to another power, because they do not belong to us. I am speaking now of our moral right to do these things. We have not even the right to claim the islands by conquest, because we have not conquered them. We drove the Spaniards from the Philippines just as we did from Cuba, and have no more right to claim one than the other. And the Filipinos aided us to overthrow and tumble over Spain's Eastern empire. Dewey can tell you how Aguinaldo's men fought by the side of ours and helped us to win our victories. And now we send a large army there to subjugate the natives—the rightful owners of the islands. Already we have spent upward of \$160,000,000—and for what?

In the first place it would be impossible for us to govern the Philippines according to our standards. They have their own customs and habits, their distinctive ethical and civil laws, and have no sympathies in common with the Anglo-Saxon. It will be impossible for us to hold these people in subjection without large armies there, entailing an enormous expenditure of money, far in excess of any commercial profits we may hope to derive from possession of the archipelago. My idea is that we should withdraw our troops, gradually or at once, and turn the islands over to the natives. Instead of sending soldiers let us send statesmen to the Philippines, men who can assist the islanders to establish a substantial republican government with which we can easily secure trade treaties that will give us all the privileges and profits of possession without the responsibilities thereof. It might be well for this country to hold a naval station in the island of Luzon, but Aguinaldo is willing to give us that. He would very willingly form a close, friendly alliance with this country and concede every reasonable privilege we might ask for.

I cannot see why we should go to the opposite side of the world to acquire territory by conquest, with the added danger of involving ourselves in the meshes of Europe's lust for Eastern land. I believe public sentiment is undergoing a rapid change, and that the Filipinos are to be regarded as a people entitled to all the rights of a civilized nation. This country has never before undertaken a job of conquest. It is contrary to our national principles and is destined to prove disastrous. Conquest was Spain's habit. Are we to begin it where she left off? One of the saddest spectacles in the history of the rise and fall of nations was the decline and final overthrow of the Spanish empire, which four centuries ago was the grandest power on the face of the earth.

Working Night and Day.

The busiest and lightest little thing that ever was made is Dr. King's New Life Pills. Every pill is a sugar-coated globe of health, that changes weakness into strength, listlessness into energy, brain-fog into mental power. They're wonderful in building up the health. Only 25c per box. Sold by Jno. E. Jackson.

HAPPENINGS IN THE COUNTY

What the People are Talking About.

BENBOW.

Rev. Mr. Mowbray preached an excellent sermon at the White church Sunday.

Messrs. Wade and Billy Correll made a flying trip to Cedar Bluff last week on business.

Mr. G. S. Crabtree started his daughter Miss Mattie to College this week.

Miss Cleo Thompson left for California last week.

We are happy to say that Rev. Mowbray's little son is improving. SOME TIMES.

WEST BLUESTONE.

Farmers are very busy husking corn and sowing wheat since the rain.

J. B. Shannon and son was dehorning cattle last Saturday.

Messrs. W. W. and O. S. McClanahan has penned seven hogs and three opossums to fatten. They say they want to have plenty of meat to last them this year.

We understand that Mr. A. H. McClure is going to move near Pocahontas. We are sorry to lose him from our community.

Dr. R. W. McClanahan who has been practicing medicine in Buchanan county for the past three years was visiting home folks at this place this week.

Mrs. E. E. Tiller, of Mud Fork, was visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Tiller the last of the week.

Mr. Chas. Hale of Falls Mills was on Bluestone last Sunday.

Mrs. J. G. Nash who has been sick for sometime has been great deal worse for several days. Her neighbors and friends hope for her a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Carter went to Falls Mills last Sunday to attend the funeral services of their son, T. M. Carter who died about August 1898. RATTLEHEAD.

POCAHONTAS.

G. W. Thompkins was in Bluestone Monday.

ELECTION.

Ward No. 1 . . . 8 for Moss.
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Mrs. Mattie Baldwin, wife of J. H. Baldwin mine store keeper for the S. W. Virginia Improvement Co., died Friday morning. She was buried in the new cemetery at Wytheville. She was accompanied by the bereaved husband, son Robert and daughter Ethel and by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Baldwin, of Keystone. Her daughter, Mrs. Kyle Gibboney, of Chicago, did not reach here in time. Mrs. Baldwin who was Miss Mattie Barrow, was 47 years of age. She leaves a husband and nine children, six of whom are grown to mourn their loss.

R. R. Maxey died at his home here Thursday night. He has been quite ill with measles, but several days ago he was thought to be convalescent, and venturing out too soon suffered with a relapse, which resulted in death. His remains were taken to Rocky Mount, Va.

H. Millner visited Bramwell Friday.

C. M. Galoway spent Sunday in Radford.

W. E. Black visited Pearisburg Sunday.

Geo. W. Zimmerman visited Bluestone Sunday.

John R. Black was up from Bluestone Monday.

Elmer Tompkins, who was visiting his brother W. Tompkins, left Sunday for his home in Roanoke.

J. M. Newton spent several days in Lebanon, Va., this week.

Ugene White has accepted a position as salesman in J. L. Baber store.

Rev. S. W. Moore left Monday for Lebanon, Va., to spend balance of the week.

Louis Origger and Sam Hearmanson was up from Keystone Sunday.

Mrs. D. H. Frazier and her mother Mrs. E. R. Baker spent several days this week in our town among friends.

T. H. Wickham spent several days with his many friends here last week.

F. P. Cummings is up from Roanoke this week advertising his C. B. O.

Mrs. J. McGee and daughter returned Thursday from an extended trip North.

Sam Lantz was up from Bluestone Sunday.

M. Russack was in Bluestone Sunday.

CEDAR BLUFF.

We feel like winter is not far in the future.

Mr. Frazier Ferrell, of Steelesburg, Va., left on No. 16 yesterday p. m. going to the penitentiary. We have learned he is going to accept a position as guard.

Mr. James Laird paid home folks a short visit returning yesterday.

Last evening Miss Nellie Harlowe gave a social to a number of her friends, it being her birthday. The presents were too numerous to mention. Most of our boys are happy when they can see Nellie's bright smiles, but when it comes to her smiles and supper too we can say anything in regard to the enjoyment. The supper was "up-to-date," for Mrs. Harlowe knows how to please the children. We wish Nellie's birthday would come twice a year.

Mrs. Atkins returned to Bluestone yesterday, she has been spending a few days with her husband who is located at this place now.

We hear the "Hurt Bros." show will visit us again soon.

Mr. Will Cecil of Wise, who has been in New York for a month passed here last week on his way home. Nov. 7th, 1899.

POUNDING MILL.

Mrs. Elizabeth Cecil spent last week at the home of her son, J. B. Hurt.

Mrs. W. B. Steele and children spent over Sunday with relatives at Cedar Bluff.

Mrs. Geo. W. Gillespie visited her children, R. K. Gillespie and Mrs. J. B. Hurt several days last week.

Mr. Tim Monger returned Tuesday from Eastern Virginia, where he had been to witness the death and burial of his mother.

Mrs. Peery Britain and children are visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Watkins and baby, of Grundy and Miss Cora Crockett, of Raven, spent from Monday to Wednesday of this week with their sister, Mrs. Sam Gillespie.

Mr. John Azbury, the stump man, came home a few days from down the line and has returned.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Underdunk have moved into their cottage by the church.

Rev. Philip Johnson filled his usual appointment here Saturday to a large congregation.

Mrs. John Lambert spent a couple of days this week with relatives at Tazewell.

Prof. Smith Murphy gave an entertainment on last Thursday night at this place. All enjoyed it.

NOTICE.

Positively no riding, driving, hunting, or trespassing of any kind allowed on my lands.

C. H. PEERY.

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BRITISH WIN A VICTORY

Two Thousand Prisoners and 800 Killed.

White Reports Ladysmith Entirely Safe—A Native Says the Boer Force Was Annihilated.

London, Nov. 7.—It is announced in a special dispatch from Cape Town, dated Sunday, November 5, morning, that the British have been victorious in an engagement at Ladysmith, and that the Boer loss was very heavy, including two thousand prisoners.

The following is a text of a dispatch from General Buller from Cape Town, dated November 7:

"The following dispatch has been received from the general commanding at Estcourt, dated November 6:

"Since Friday there has been a cessation of hostilities. A note was sent that day to General Joubert by General White, at the request of the mayor, asking permission for the non-combatants, sick and wounded to go south. General Joubert refused the request, but agreed to allow them to go to a special camp four miles from Ladysmith. The townspeople refused to accept this offer. The sick and wounded and a few of the inhabitants were removed yesterday. A few shots were exchanged yesterday at the outposts.

"Friday's bombardment was heavy. Shells fell in the hospital and one fell in the hotel during luncheon. No one was injured. The only casualty in the town thus far from the shells is a Kaffir killed.

There was a sharp action Friday towards Dew Dorp. The troops under General Buller drove the Boers back a considerable distance and disabled a gun.

"There was also fighting near Bulwana. Our loss altogether is eight killed and about twenty wounded.

BOER FORCE ALMOST ANNihilATED.

Estcourt, Natal, November 5.—A reliable native has brought confirmatory evidence of Friday's fight south of Ladysmith. A reconnaissance in force was made by a British division, the object being to relieve the Colenso column, which had been attacked by the Boers. The British infantry changed the Boers who were strongly posted on Globorkloof Hill, and drove them down on the plain toward the Tugela river. Then the British cavalry executed a fine flanking movement charged the Boers, almost annihilating them. The plains were strewn with the slain Boers.

A native eye witness of Thursday's battle near Ladysmith says that the Boers were caught on the open ground and raised several white flags. The British then advanced without firing to accept the surrender of the Boers, but were received with a volley at short range. Enraged by this treachery, the Lanciers, Hussars and dragoons, followed by the infantry with fixed bayonets, charged through and through the enemy and did great execution. A lot of prisoners and loot was captured.

Another battle on Friday with the Boers was proceeding, according to the native, in the south, with a similar result.

The Tooth Trouble.

In these latter days people's teeth seem to be given them as much trouble as anything else, judging from the amount of work being done by the dentists. A glance at Dr. Cooley's register, covering one week, gives some idea of the amount of work being done along this line. Between twenty-five and thirty patients representing three counties, were here during this time having dental work done, either teeth extracted or new sets made, or both. The fewest number of people have sound teeth. The next generation or two promises to be toothless.